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Soviet Units and Installations

1. The Soviet army has established a headquarters, liaison offices and supply depots in Hunchun (130-22, 42-52). The supply depots are in the inner (walled) city.
2. I. L. Igin [rank not stated], commanding officer of the 1 Pacific Regiment of the Siberian 9 Composite Brigade, is in control of all economic and political activities in Hunchun. He also supervises Chinese and Korean Communist units stationed in the city, and is in charge of supplying transient Soviet army units while they are in Hunchun.
3. The Soviet 45 Air Regiment is stationed at the former Japanese airfield. This field, located southwest of Hunchun, was severely damaged by Soviet bombings in August 1945, but its installations were repaired by Chinese laborers and were in condition for use by the Soviet army in June 1947. A supply depot was established by the regiment in September 1947. At that time the installations at the field were as follows:
 - Ten hangars, none of which were in use in September 1947.
 - Four warehouses, all being used by the Soviet forces for the storage of aviation supplies, gasoline and oil.
 - Two barracks
 - One repair shed
 - One office, used by the commanding officer of the field.
4. Supplies are flown to the field in Soviet four-motored TB-5 planes. These are converted heavy bombers with a cruising speed of about 200 kilometers per hour. Flights of three to six planes arrive and depart from the field every other day.
5. One battalion of the "Cavalry Army Group", 13 Amur Division is stationed in Hunchun; however, battalion headquarters is located in North Korea and division headquarters in Voroshilov (131-58, 43-48).
6. One signal company and one wireless company are stationed in the inner (walled) city. Their combined strength is about 200 officers and men.
7. An engineer battalion, an element of the "Soviet Shipper Army Group" and attached to the Siberian 9 Composite Brigade, is garrisoned in the former Japanese barracks in the outer city. It is composed of three engineering companies which are engaged in the construction of barracks, roads and other installations at the airfield, and one

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Chinese and Korean Communist Units

8. The only Korean Communist unit in Hunchun is a small liaison detachment called the Hunchun Branch of the China Liaison Group, Korean Volunteer Army. The Chinese Communist units, listed below, are small groups of picked troops.
 9. One Chinese Communist infantry battalion is stationed in the city. It was trained in Vladivostok and Khabarovsk by Soviet officers from "sniper" and cavalry units for a period of about one year. Comprising approximately 800 officers and men, the battalion is divided into companies, each consisting of three rifle and one machine gun platoon. Each rifle platoon has four sections, each of which is armed with:
 - One Jakov grenade launcher, requiring a loader and a gunner
 - Three Fedorov automatic rifles
 - One range finder with periscope
 - Three to five Soviet infantry rifles, M-1930, with telescopic sights
 - Hand grenades and smoke candles
- Each machine gun platoon is armed with two Maxim heavy machine guns and four Deglechiev light machine guns.
10. A signal company, also Soviet-trained, is housed in the building formerly used by the Japanese signal unit in Hunchun. It includes about 250 technicians and soldiers, equipped with Soviet M-1930 rifles and sub-machine guns. The company's equipment consists of five radio transmitters and twenty wireless telephones. It maintains contact with Chinese Communist headquarters in Harbin and Chiamusu and is used by the Soviets for contacting Soviet units in North Korea and the USSR.

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